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Maybel and June Carter

Maybelle Carter

Personal Life

- **Early Life**: Maybelle Addington was born on May 10, 1909, in Nickelsville, Virginia. She grew up in a musical family and learned traditional Appalachian songs and tunes from her mother and other relatives.

- **Marriage and Family**: On March 13, 1926, she married Ezra Carter. They had three daughters: Helen, June, and Anita.

- **Later Years**: Maybelle Carter passed away on October 23, 1978, in Hendersonville, Tennessee.

Professional Life

- **The Carter Family**: Maybelle was a member of the original Carter Family, formed in 1927. The group was one of the first commercial rural country music groups and helped pioneer what became known as country music.

- **Innovative Guitar Style**: She developed a distinctive style of guitar playing known as the "Carter Scratch," which influenced the guitar's shift from a rhythm to a lead instrument.

- **Mother Maybelle and the Carter Sisters**: After the original Carter Family disbanded in 1943, she

performed with her daughters as "Mother Maybelle and the Carter Sisters".

- **Grand Ole Opry and Touring**: The group became regular performers on the Grand Ole Opry and frequently toured with Johnny Cash, her son-in-law.

June Carter Cash

Personal Life

- **Early Life**: Valerie June Carter was born on June 23, 1929, in Maces Spring, Virginia. She was the daughter of Maybelle and Ezra Carter - Encyclopedia Virginia

- **Marriage and Family**: June was married three times. Her third marriage was to Johnny Cash on March 1, 1968. They had one son, John Carter Cash. She also had two daughters, Carlene and Rosie, from her previous marriages - Encyclopedia Virginia

- **Later Years**: June Carter Cash passed away on May 15, 2003, in Nashville, Tennessee

Professional Life

- **Early Career**: June began performing with the Carter Family at the age of 10. She later performed with her mother and sisters as "Mother Maybelle and the Carter Sisters"

- **Solo Career and Acting**: June pursued a solo career and acted in several films and television shows. She was known for her comedic talent and musical versatility

- **Collaboration with Johnny Cash**: June and Johnny Cash performed together frequently and won several Grammy Awards for their duets. She co-wrote the hit song "Ring of Fire"

- **Awards and Honors**: June Carter Cash was a five-time Grammy award-winner and was inducted into the Christian Music Hall of Fame in 2009

Maybelle and June Carter were both influential figures in country music, each leaving a lasting

legacy through their contributions to the genre and their performances.